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In re Patent Application of:

Jorg Schultz et al.

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For: RETICLE-MASKING OBJECTIVE WITH

ASPHERICAL LENSES

Examiner: J. M. Schwartz

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-3, 5-14, 16-20 and 63-65, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.